



# HEARD ACROSS MONTANA

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## IM Weekly Highlights

- Outreach meetings took place in Kalispell, Eureka, Pablo, Missoula and Hamilton.

## SOP Training Planned for Oct. 27

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Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) training will be held on Tues., Oct. 27 prior to the Montana Chapter APCO Conference at the Holiday Inn Parkside, 200 South Pattee St., in Missoula, beginning at 8:30 am.

Mr. Ben Krauss from SEARCH, a federal T&TA Contractor through the COPS/Department of Justice (DOJ) grant, will be presenting SOP training for shared, interoperable communications. The training will include a discussion of the recently released Dept. of Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Communications "Shared System" SOP Guide Model; a review of several existing Montana SOP documents; and, importantly, development of SOPs that apply to the Interoperability Montana (IM) Project.

Representatives from law enforcement, EMS, the fire services, IM and related technical persons are encouraged to attend. To register, call or e-mail Dan Sullivan at 406-444-3581 or [dsullivan@mt.gov](mailto:dsullivan@mt.gov).

## Montana APCO Conference Next Week!

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If you have not already done so, please take the time to register for the 2009 Montana APCO Conference, which is scheduled for Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 28-29 in Missoula at the Holiday Inn Parkside, 200 South Pattee Street. APCO International's popular Active Shooter Incidents for Public Safety Communications course is scheduled on both Mon., Oct. 26 and Tues., Oct. 27.

For more details and to register, visit the Montana APCO web site at: <http://www.mtapco.org>.

## Editor's Note

By E. Wing Spooner [espooner@mt.gov](mailto:espooner@mt.gov)

You'll notice that this week's edition of the Heard Across Montana (HAM) is abbreviated. This is because the editor has been hit hard by the swine flu. Likewise, Carrie Castle, also is sick. Please accept our apologies, and look for a more complete HAM next week. Thanks.

## Upcoming Meetings

- **Oct. 26 (Mon.)**  
IM Technical Committee  
Helena • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
MACo Large Conference Rm., Lower Level  
2715 Skyway Drive
- **Oct. 27 (Tues.)**  
SOP Training with Ben Krauss • 8:30 am  
Missoula • Holiday Inn Parkside  
200 South Pattee St.
- **Oct. 28-29 (Wed.-Thurs.)**  
Montana APCO Conference  
Missoula • Holiday Inn Parkside  
200 South Pattee St.  
More information at: <http://www.mtapco.org>
- **Oct. 29 (Thurs.)**  
Mobile Data Terminal Consortium  
Bozeman • 10:00 am  
Best Western City Center Motel, 507 W Main St.

## OUTREACH MEETINGS

[http://interop.mt.gov/im\\_outreach\\_meetings.mcp](http://interop.mt.gov/im_outreach_meetings.mcp)

- **Tues., Oct. 27 - Browning**  
10:00 a.m. Blackfeet Tribal Business Council  
1 Agency Square
- **Tues., Oct. 27- Shelby**  
2:00 p.m. Toole County Public Safety Facility  
Conference Room, 235 Deerlodge Ave.
- **Wed., Oct. 28 - Missoula**  
10:30 a.m. State APCO Conference  
Holiday Inn Parkside, 200 South Pattee St.
- **Thurs., Oct. 29 - Havre**  
9:00 am - Hill County Detention Center  
Courtroom, 1450 2nd Street West, Havre
- **Mon., Nov. 2 - Glasgow, Scobey & Plentywood**
  - 10:30 a.m. - Valley County Courthouse  
501 Court Square, Community Room, Glasgow
  - 3:30 p.m. - Daniels County Courthouse  
213 Main St., County Commissioners Meeting  
Room, Scobey
  - 7:00 p.m. - Sheridan County Courthouse  
Jubilee Room, 100 W. Laurel Ave., Plentywood
- **Tues., Nov. 3 - Wolf Point & Poplar**  
10:00 a.m. - Wolf Point, Location to be announced  
2:00 p.m. - Poplar - Assiniboine and Sioux Tribal  
Council (Fort Peck Reservation)